



## COMMUNITY FEATURE

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WAKE BIG SWEEP

Wake residents of all ages are invited to volunteer for the 2014 Wake County Big Sweep. There are one or more cleanups every weekend through Sunday, October 5, 2014, at 21 designated watershed sites across the County. The schedule and site descriptions are available at [www.NCBigSweep.org](http://www.NCBigSweep.org).

Wake County Big Sweep is part of the larger North Carolina Big Sweep – a statewide volunteer effort to achieve a litter-free environment. NC Big Sweep seeks to protect wildlife and people from the harmful effects of litter by coordinating cleanups and educational projects to prevent littering in North Carolina. Both Wake County Big Sweep and NC Big Sweep are affiliated with the [Ocean Conservancy](#) that leads over 100 countries in the annual International Coastal Cleanup.

Volunteers must register at their selected site by contacting the zone captain or park directly. Volunteers are also encouraged to make sure the site is appropriate for the ages and physical abilities of their group. Big Sweep sites vary from paved greenway trails to uneven ground and steep slopes.

During the 2013 Fall Big Sweep in Wake County, 812 volunteers cleaned 39 watershed sites that covered 35 park acres and 85.8 miles of shorelines and roadways. An estimated total of 14,750 pounds of trash and recyclables was swept from Wake County watersheds, protecting clean water, public health, and scenic beauty.

For more information about Wake County Big Sweep, call 919-250-1065 or email [sbjones@wakegov.com](mailto:sbjones@wakegov.com). For information about Big Sweep cleanups in every county across the state, visit [www.NCBigSweep.org](http://www.NCBigSweep.org).

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